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Global Flotilla sets sail for Gaza

Genoa dockworkers promise support

By WW staff

The Global Sumud Flotilla, consisting of over 20 boats carrying aid to the Gaza Strip, which is blockaded by Israel, departed on Sept. 1 from Barcelona. Boats from other Mediterranean ports, notably from Tunis, Tunisia, and Genoa, Italy, are expected to join the convoy in early September.

Organizers of the flotilla call it the largest maritime mission to Gaza yet. They expect more than 50 ships, boats, and delegations from at least 44 countries to deliver aid to the people of Gaza. The flotilla has also mobilized significant support in the departure ports.

Volunteers on the flotilla hail from Australia, Brazil, Colombia, South Africa, and numerous European countries. Those departing from Barcelona include Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg; Brazilian activist Thiago Avila; former Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau Ballano; Irish actor Liam Cunningham; and Spanish actor Eduard Fernández.

Previous flotillas have been illegally intercepted by Israeli naval forces in international waters. The current flotilla coincides with Israeli announcements that its army will invade Gaza City.

Genoa dockworkers pledge to resist

The dockworkers of Genoa, who have been collecting and shipping aid for Gaza, vow to block Europe if the Sumud Flotilla faces attacks or intimidation from Israeli forces. On Aug. 31, while speaking before 40,000 people a spokesperson from the Autonomous Collective of Dockworkers promised an unprecedented response if the Israelis assault the flotilla.

"If we lose contact with our boats, even for 20 minutes," he said, "we will block all of Europe. From the Port of Genoa, nothing will leave anymore." (Palestine Chronicle, Sept. 1).

The unionists said that every year, more than 13,000 containers leave the Port of Genoa for Israel. ☐

Labor Day 2025

WW PHOTOS: MARTHA GREVATT (TOP LEFT), JIM MCMAHAN (TOP RIGHT), JOE PIETTE (BOTTOM)

Labor Day rallies in Detroit (top left), Seattle (top right), and Philadelphia (bottom). Seattle protest targeted Palantir Technology's billionaire owner as part of over 800 'Workers over Billionaires' actions across the U.S.

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Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQIA2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class produces all wealth in society, and this wealth should remain in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has been out in the streets defending the workers and oppressed here and worldwide. If you're interested in Marxism, class solidarity, and joining us in the fight for a socialist future, please sign up at **www.workers.org/join-form** and an organizer will get back to you. Or contact a WWP branch near you. □

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Why the West's rulers avoid Asia's World War II parade

The imperialists "owned" it. They lost it. They thought they were getting it back. They lost it again.

As a class, today's Western superrich know that their class ancestors up until the 1930s controlled and plundered all of East Asia and exploited its hundreds of millions of workers and peasants. Their colonial rule starved, beat and cheated the people they found living in Asia, but the colonialists censored that part of the story.

Japanese imperialism, which developed after the European brand, seized the Korean peninsula in 1905. It later waged war aimed at conquering China and replacing the Western colonialists elsewhere.

This 1939 map shows that by 1931, Japanese imperialism was the colonial power plundering Korea and Manchukuo (Manchuria in China). The parade in Beijing Sept. 3 is celebrating Japan's 1945 defeat, which also led to Western imperialism being driven out of much of East Asia.

The Japanese military carried out massacres against local civilians. It also replaced Dutch rule of Indonesia, French rule of Indochina, British rule of Burma and Malaysia and pushed the other imperialists out of much of China. Japanese colonialism continued the brutality against the colonial peoples, as the Asian countries celebrating the parade in Beijing this Sept. 3 can testify.

That the U.S. also waged war against Japan from 1941-45 was due neither to the U.S. rulers' love for democracy nor its hatred for Japan's military dictatorship. World War II in the Pacific was a battle between these two competing imperialist powers to control and plunder Asia and the Pacific. Besides the worker and farmer soldiers who died, this war cost the lives of tens of millions of civilians in Asia, including in Japan.

The Japanese occupation of Asia aroused a powerful resistance in the newly conquered countries. The national resistance movements — especially where Communist parties were leading them — waged heroic and effective guerrilla wars against the Japanese military. These movements made great contributions to the defeat of Japanese militarism.

Corporate media coverage of the 80th anniversary events will minimize this contribution by the Asian peoples and by the Communist parties. Just as in commemorations of the war in Europe, where the Soviet Union's great sacrifices bringing about the defeat of Nazi Germany are minimized, so too the facts are distorted regarding the Asian theater of World War II.

The war among the imperialists for hegemony, while creating havoc and suffering for hundreds of millions of people, weakened imperialist rule. This in turn made liberation more likely for colonized peoples. While the imperialist powers attempted to reconquer the peoples they had plundered earlier, these interventions often failed.

It's true that British, U.S. and French intervention massacred the local population and in some places stopped liberation from taking place. However, Communist-led movements succeeded in liberating China, much of Indochina and part of Korea, despite the continued imperialist war crimes in these areas. U.S. troops remained for decades in Thailand and Vietnam and are still in Japan and South Korea and again in the Philippines.

After the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991 and when China opened to the imperialist-controlled world market, the imperialists' strategists said history had ended. They likely expected East Asia to fall back under Western imperialist control, perhaps this time in alliance with Tokyo. They were disappointed.

China, still with a socialist goal and held together by a strong Communist Party and peoples militia, has proved to be an opposing economic and diplomatic pole to the U.S.-West European-Japanese imperialist cabal that has dominated the rest of the world. An international meeting in Tianjin that just ended showed how China's now powerful economy offers an alternative to the current imperialist domination of the world market.

The celebratory parade in Beijing further demonstrates the imperialist decline. It also revives the lesson that imperialist war can turn into a war for liberation of peoples and victory for the working class. That's why the imperialists are so hostile to the parade. ☐

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¡Solidaridad con Acción Palestina!

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editorial

Trafalgar Square, protesta en el centro de Londres, 23 de junio de 2025.

En julio, el grupo de solidaridad Acción Palestina fue «proscrito» -prohibido- por el gobierno británico por supuesta violación de la Ley de Terrorismo, aprobada por el Parlamento en 2000. La Ley prohíbe los «daños graves a la propiedad» incluso cuando no hay seres humanos heridos. En el caso de Acción Palestina, el hecho de que el grupo supuestamente irrumpiera en la base de la Royal Air Force Brize Norton y dañara dos aviones militares rociando pintura en los motores fue suficiente para que el grupo fuera proscrito.

La RAF Brize Norton es cómplice del genocidio en Gaza. Associated Press informa de que «aviones de Brize Norton, a 112 kilómetros (70 millas) al noroeste de Londres, vuelan regularmente a RAF Akrotiri en Chipre, la principal base aérea británica para operaciones en Oriente Próximo». Un informe del 28 de enero del Comité Palestino Británico definía esta base como un «activo fundamental» para la operación de limpieza étnica de Israel en Gaza. (aljazeera.com, 28 de enero)

En su página web, la RAF presume de: «RAF Brize Norton, en Oxfordshire, es la mayor estación de la RAF con aproximadamente 5.800 miembros de personal de servicio, 300 miembros de personal civil y 1.200 contratistas».

Anteriormente, Acción Palestina se dedicó a atacar a la tristemente célebre empresa Elbit Systems, con sede en Israel, que fabrica las armas que se utilizan para asesinar a los palestinos.

La legislación aprobada que prohíbe Acción Palestina convierte en delito punible con hasta 14 años de cárcel no sólo pertenecer al grupo, sino apoyarlo. Entre sus partidarios se encuentran cientos de personas detenidas en virtud de la Ley de Terrorismo por manifestarse contra la prohibición, así como celebridades, como la novelista irlandesa Sally Rooney y el director de cine inglés Ken Loach.

En opinión del gobierno británico, rociar pintura es un delito, pero cometer genocidio contra los palestinos no sólo es aceptable, sino digno de ayuda.

Acción Palestina no es la única que sufre una severa represión gubernamental. Samidoun, la Red de Solidaridad con los Presos Palestinos, ha sido blanco de ataques en múltiples países europeos, así como en Estados Unidos y Canadá. Activistas estadounidenses que apoyan a Palestina han sido detenidos, deportados, despedidos y suspendidos de sus estudios.

Mundo Obrero se solidariza plenamente con Acción Palestina y con los activistas de todo el mundo que apoyan la liberación palestina y que están del lado de la Resistencia Palestina. Entendemos que se han empleado y se emplearán múltiples tácticas, y apoyamos todos los esfuerzos para detener el horrible genocidio que está teniendo lugar en Palestina.

Nos negamos a dejarnos influir por los intentos de dividir el movimiento de solidaridad en «buenos manifestantes» que sólo organizan «manifestaciones pacíficas» y «malos manifestantes» que «dañan la propiedad». No reconocemos la inviolabilidad de la propiedad privada o gubernamental, especialmente cuando esa propiedad se utiliza en beneficio del Estado de apartheid terrorista de Israel.

¡Acabemos con la prohibición de Acción Palestina! ¡La solidaridad no es un delito!

Del río al mar, ¡Palestina será libre! □

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